

State of South Dakota

EIGHTY-SEVENTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2012

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1008

Introduced by: Representatives Perry, Abdallah, Blake, Bolin, Boomgarden, Brunner, Carson, Conzet, Cronin, Deelstra, Dennert, Dryden, Elliott, Fargen, Feickert, Feinstein, Gibson, Gosch, Greenfield, Haggar, Hansen (Jon), Hawley, Hickey, Hoffman, Hubbel, Hunhoff (Bernie), Hunt, Iron Cloud III, Jensen, Jones, Killer, Kirkeby, Kirschman, Kloucek, Kopp, Liss, Lucas, Lust, Magstadt, Miller, Moser, Munsterman, Nelson (Stace), Novstrup (David), Olson (Betty), Rausch, Romkema, Rozum, Russell, Schaefer, Schrempp, Scott, Sigdestad, Sly, Solum, Steele, Street, Stricherz, Tornow, Tulson, Turbiville, Van Gerpen, Vanneman, Venner, Verchio, White, Wick, Willadsen, Wink, and Wismer and Senators Krebs, Adelstein, Begalka, Bradford, Brown, Buhl, Cutler, Frerichs, Fryslie, Gray, Hansen (Tom), Haverly, Heineman, Holien, Hundstad, Hunhoff (Jean), Johnston, Juhnke, Kraus, Lederman, Maher, Nelson (Tom), Novstrup (Al), Nygaard, Olson (Russell), Peters, Putnam, Rampelberg, Rave, Rhoden, Schlekeway, Sutton, Tidemann, Tieszen, and Vehle

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Recognizing the week of June 25 through June 29, 2012,
2 as Ag Week in South Dakota.

3 WHEREAS, each year, one South Dakota producer raises enough food to feed 155 people
4 in the United States and abroad; and

5 WHEREAS, South Dakota consistently ranks in the top ten for production of alfalfa,
6 sunflowers, oats, flaxseed, hay, ethanol, wheat, corn, and soybeans; and

7 WHEREAS, South Dakota's agriculture industry has a twenty billion dollar economic
8 impact each year. With more than 19 million acres of cropland and 23 million acres of



1 pastureland, our farmers and ranchers are key drivers of our economy; and

2 WHEREAS, agriculture generates twenty percent of our state's economic activity, and
3 production agriculture and its value-added industries employ over 80,000 South Dakotans; and

4 WHEREAS, South Dakota has more than 92,000 dairy cows, producing over 1.8 billion
5 pounds of milk per year; and

6 WHEREAS, there are fifteen ethanol plants operating in the state, and they produce more
7 than one billion gallons per year, which is ten percent of the nation's ethanol supply; and

8 WHEREAS, as a leading livestock state, South Dakota ranks near the top in several
9 production areas including bison, pheasants, honey, sheep and lambs, cattle and calves, hogs and
10 pigs; and

11 WHEREAS, there are 46,000 producers in South Dakota on 31,800 farms; and

12 WHEREAS, pheasant hunters spent \$231 million in 2010 and harvested 1.8 million birds;
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14 WHEREAS, South Dakota's forest industry included 511 million trees in forestland and
15 eighteen wood or paper manufacturing facilities. Forestry in South Dakota employs over 3,500
16 people; and

17 WHEREAS, South Dakota wineries have produced over 2.3 million bottles of wine
18 since 1997; and

19 WHEREAS, agriculture is the life-blood of South Dakota. It is our number one industry and
20 remains the common thread linking the citizens, businesses, and communities of our state:

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Eighty-
22 seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the week
23 of June 25 through June 29, 2012, be recognized as Ag Week in South Dakota to encourage
24 public awareness, appreciation, and support for those involved in the agriculture industry, and

- 1 to recognize the economic, social, and recreational importance of agriculture to the entire state.